

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 881

By Harrison

### A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Rayburn Carson Thacker of Church Hill.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Rayburn Carson Thacker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thacker was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity who embodied the best of his community, he served with acumen and alacrity for two terms as an alderman on the Church Hill Board of Mayor and Aldermen, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and constituents alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, after heroically and honorably serving in the United States Army, Mr. Thacker was employed by Kingsport Press, offering the utmost probity and integrity in all his chosen endeavors until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, a consummate public servant, he also dedicated his coveted leadership abilities to the welfare of the citizens of Church Hill while serving as an auxiliary officer for the Church Hill Police Department and as a volunteer with the Church Hill Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thacker was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church of Church Hill; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Rayburn Thacker enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Shelba Jean Fields Thacker, for forty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thacker was the proud and loving father of Darrell Thacker and wife, Kristie, and Jeff Thacker and wife, Heather; and

WHEREAS, his honorable legacy will be remembered by his grandchildren, Whitney and Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his loving mother, Millicent Thacker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thacker's life will be affectionately remembered by his siblings, Randall "Sonny" Thacker and wife, Kathy, Rick Thacker and wife, Amanda, and Karen Reed and husband, Earl; and

WHEREAS, he will also be fondly remembered by his nephews, Junior Morelock, Ryan Thacker, and Bridgett Thacker, along with a host of family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father, Earl Thacker, and his brother, Waylon Thacker; and

WHEREAS, Rayburn Carson Thacker leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Rayburn Carson Thacker, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Rayburn Thacker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.